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Testimony for the Select Committee on Children for:

HB 5324 "An Act Concerning Child Safety by restricting the placement of leghold traps"

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I am testifying in support of HB 5324 because I know first-hand how dangerous a leghold trap is. Many years ago (even then, legislation was proposed to ban this trap) my friend was walking his dog in the woods in an area frequented by hikers. His dog squealed in pain. When he picked her up, he saw dangling from her ankle, which was ripped in half, a leghold trap. There were no cell phones in those days and Charlie carried her 30 minutes back to his house and jumped in the back of a friend's car to be driven to the local vet. The poor little dog never made it. She died in Charlie's arms. Charlie was devastated and filled with guilt. He had only recently adopted her and thought it would be a treat for her to take a walk in the woods.

No one should have to go through this suffering. The leghold trap should be banned completely.

Thank you,

Karen Laski